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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yoshio OZAWA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2826
Serial No.: 09/559,757) Examiner: Mondt, Johannes P.
Filed: April 27, 2000)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE)
THEREOF)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Office Action December 2, 2002, with a period for response extending through March 3, 2003 (March 2nd being a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3, 5, and 7 – 19 remain pending, with claims 8 – 19 withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a nonelected invention. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner repeated the rejection of claims 1 – 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Rhee (U.S. Patent No. 5,646,054) in view of Teramoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,620,910), Komori, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,602,048), and Hsu, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,693,974); repeated the rejection of

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